

## FIRST LETTER (FL)

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Dear Dr. FIELD(Persnaml):

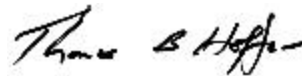
I am writing to ask for your help with the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED). This is an important annual survey of all new recipients of research doctorates from U.S. universities. This study is now being conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago for several federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the U.S. Departments of Education and Agriculture.

The results of this survey are used by governmental organizations and academic institutions for decisions about funding graduate education, developing new programs and supporting existing ones. The information you provide will be kept confidential and will be reported only in the form of statistical summaries.

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to NORC as soon as possible; I have included a postage-paid return envelope for your convenience. You can get a summary of the survey results by checking the box on page 7 of the questionnaire.

I would be happy to talk to you about any questions or concerns that you might have about the SED at 1-800-248-8649 or by e-mail (4800-SED@norcmail.uchicago.edu). Thank you for your assistance, and I also want to extend my own congratulations to you for earning your doctoral degree.

Sincerely,



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